

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2003

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Gunnells, Councilmen Calhoun, Thomas, Forrester, Norris, Brown, Director Burns, Attorney Pruitt, Clerk to Council Carol Chrisley

I. Chairman Walker called the meeting to order with prayer given by Councilman Thomas.

First item on the agenda was appointment of new Officers. Chairman Walker turned the meeting over to Attorney Pruitt. Councilman Brown made a motion to appoint Ray Gunnells as Chairman. Motion was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously. Councilman Forrester made a motion to appoint Scott Brown as Vice Chairman that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

First item on the agenda was approval of minutes of regular meeting of December 23, 2002. Councilman Walker made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. Councilmen Walker and Thomas discussed some grammatical changes that would be amended. Motion passed to approve minutes.

II. Presentations:

- A. John LeRoy to discuss Title III Funds. He said that the advisory committee is recommending that another 45-day period of public comment be offered by the county and that the new period is needed since the spending plan has been altered, since it was initially proposed. Council took no action
- B. Carol Culbertson, Clemson Extension to discuss the Title III Funds.
- C. Samuel Gilliam Jr. to discuss uses of the County Office Bldg. for Forestry and Cattlemen's Assoc. and also the concern for the lack of tables and chairs that were missing
- D. Jim Jones to discuss use of the County Office Bldg. Assembly Room.
- E. Carol Culbertson to discuss County Office Bldg.

Vice Chairman Brown recommended from what was heard about this evening that the office space committee could meet and set guidelines for the use of the building, which will use the building and a scheduling procedure for the building. Chairman Gunnells added that we make sure the facility is used as best being that it has been neglected from the presentations heard this evening and recommended that it go to the committee.

III. Committee Reports.

Committees had nothing to report at this time.

IV. New Business:

A. Discussion of Date, Time and place of 2003 Meetings. Director Burns informed Council of the location of subsequent meetings to be held which were as follows: Cherokee Trail Elem. School on 1/27/03 at 7:30pm, Diamond Hill Elem. School on 2/10/03 at 7:30pm, Hickory Heights Apts on 3/10/03 at 7:30pm and Lowndesville at Old School Bldg on 3/24/03 at the Old School. As far as the rest of the meetings, it was suggested that we wait until the Office Space Meeting is scheduled and look at it at that time. Also discussed was the possibility of having one meeting a month.

B. Consideration of 1st Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #3-7-77 (Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance) regulating the placement, size, height, and location of off-premise signage in Abbeville, South Carolina. Councilman Walker made a motion to have 1st Reading that was seconded by Vice Chairman Brown and passed unanimously.

C. Contract with EMS Squads. Upon the recommendation of Attorney Pruitt, council tabled this contract for further study until Mr. Pruitt could talk with the Attorney representing the Calhoun Falls Rescue Squad.

D. A Resolution confirming the action of the County Director in Approving a \$70,000 Contract with Little River Electric Coop. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

E. Expenditure of Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$70,000. Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the expenditure that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

V. Director's Report:

A. Phase I of the Comp. & Class Study to be completed and turned in on Friday.

B. Budget Packages to go out on Friday.

Councilman Norris made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Vice Chairman Brown and passed unanimously.